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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH AP STRESSING IMPORTANCE U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA CARRIED DECEMBER 20 BY ALL CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS AND FRONTPAGED IN LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 320,000), CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO - 280,000) AND CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO - 80,000). HABIB WAS QUOTED AS SAYING U.S. HAS TO REMAIN IN ASIA NO MATTER WHAT SETBACKS THERE MAY BE BECAUSE OF LONG-RANGE IMPACT ASIA HAS ON U.S. HE REPORTEDLY SAID U.S. CANNOT ISOLATE ITSELF FROM CARING ABOUT AFFAIRS IN PACIFIC AND ASIA.

2. ALL PAPERS OTHER THAN OFFICIAL KMT CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO - 220,000) ALSO CARRIED HABIB'S REMARKS ON FORD'S PLANNED CHINA VISIT NEXT YEAR. QUOTING HABIB AS SAYING WHAT PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA MAINLAND UNCLASSIFIED

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RESULTS IN "REMAINS TO BE SEEN." ARTICLE ALSO SAID HABIB

POINTED OUT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WAS EXPECTED TO BRING ABOUT PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. HABIB REPORTEDLY SAID VISITS BY KISSINGER AND NIXON TO MAINLAND ARE PART OF PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION AND TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. HABIB WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON RESULT OF FORD'S PLANNED VISIT.

3. CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO), CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO) AND HSIN SHENG DAILY NEWS (TAIWAN HSIN SHENG PAO - 60,000) ALSO CARRIED PART OF AP DISPATCH SAYING THERE WAS SPECULATION FORD VISIT WILL FURTHER NORMALIZE U.S.-PRC RELATIONS BUT WILL NOT RESULT IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

4. MISSION REQUESTS TEXT HABIB REMARKS.  
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